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SUBJECT: INDIAN HELP TO BUILD BANGLADESH'S FIRST REACTOR

1. ON A RECENT VISIT TO INDIA, JOINT SECRETARY OF THE BANGLADESH DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, DR. SHRAFUDDIN, SAID INDIA WILL HELP BANGLADESH SET UP A 1 MW EXPERIMENTAL REACTOR FOR PRODUCING ISOTOPES. ACCORDING TO DELHI PRESS REPORTS, CONSTRUCTION, EXPECTED TO TAKE THREE YEARS, WILL BE AT SAVAR NEAR DACCA WHERE BANGLADESH IS BUILDING AN ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTER. A BANGLADESH DELEGATION WILL FINALIZE THE DESIGN OF THE REACTOR ON A VISIT TO INDIA IN SEPTEMBER. INDIA WILL PROVIDE MOST OF THE COMPONENTS BUT NOT THE FUEL. THE REACTOR REQUIRES ENRICHED URANIUM, WHICH IS NOT PRODUCED BY INDIA, SO WE ASSUME IT IS A LIGHT WATER REACTOR. IN ALL PROBABILITY, IT IS SIMILAR TO PSARA, WHICH IS A 1 MW POOL TYPE REACTOR USING ENRICHED URANIUM, DESIGNED AND BUILT BY INDIANS AT THE BHABHA ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTRE, BOMBAY.

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2. DR. SHRAFUDDIN SAID BANGLADESH IS SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN DE-

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VELOPING NUCLEAR POWER ALTHOUGH IT HAS NEITHER URANIUM NOR THORI-
UN. HE ADDED THAT BANGLADESH HAS ATOMIC SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE HAD
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THE PAKISTAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

3. DOES EMBASSY DACCA KNOW ANY MORE ABOUT THIS PROPOSED JOINT
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